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Good Friday • April 10  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service In the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday • April 12  
8:45 a.m. Worship Service in the Artz Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. Balloon Release  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service in the Chapel

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## Weather

 Today High: 76, Low: 49 Chance T-forms	 Saturday High: 71, Low: 50 Mostly Sunny
 Sunday High: 70, Low: 57 Chance T-forms	 Monday High: 74, Low: 51 Chance T-forms

## News Briefs

### OSC Scholarship Banquet

The OSC Scholarship Banquet is Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm at the Columbus Club. Please RSVP by April 9 to [coscrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:coscrsvp@yahoo.com).

### OSC Social

There will be an OSC Social Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### VPP Briefings

A Voluntary Protection Program briefing will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

### Commissary Closed

The base commissary will be closed April 12 for Easter.

### AFA Golf Tournament

There will be a POW/MIA golf tournament hosted by the Air Force Association April 25 at the Columbus Country Club. Registration is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the entry fee is \$50 per person. The format will be a one-day, three-person scramble, with ladies teams and mixed teams welcome. Please call Dwain Stephens at 434-2645 during business hours, and 240-4046 during the evening, for more information.

## Inside



### Feature 10

The 14th Operations Support Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE															
PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-01)	6.51 days	-1.23 days	Apr. 22	48th (09-08)	-0.65 days	-1.04 days	Apr. 24	49th (09-GB)	2.77 days	2.77 days	May 11	T-6	874	829	15,417
41st (10-02)	0.85 days	-4.37 days	May 13	50th (09-08)	2.68 days	2.00 days	Apr. 24					T-1	295	295	5,840
												T-38	250	217	4,430
												IFF	70	80	1,549



Class 09-07 Senior Ranking Officer 1st Lt. Elisa McGhee presents Col. David Reth, 14th Operations Group commander and Class 09-07 graduation speaker, with a token of their appreciation April 3 at the Kaye Auditorium.

# 14th OG CC speaks at Class 09-07 graduation

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

The current 14th Operations Group commander helped welcome some of the Air Force's newest pilots by speaking at

their graduation April 3 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Col. David Reth, 14th OG commander, spoke at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-07.

The 14th OG conducts pilot training

for U.S. Air Force and international officers, using a fleet of over 200 T-6, T-38, and T-1 aircraft and flight simulators. His command includes six squadrons and over 1,000 officers, civilians, enlisted, and con-

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# Leadership lesson's from a janitor

**Lt. Col. David B. Gossett**  
14th Operations Support Squadron  
commander

Often the lessons offered by history are just as applicable today as they were in the past. Such is the case with Private William Crawford's story.

William Crawford was born 19 May 1918 to a humble family in Pueblo Colorado. Like so many from his generation, he felt compelled to serve his country and preserve the freedoms we so enjoy. He entered service and enlisted in the United States Army in 1943 to join the fight against the axis powers in World War II. William Crawford passed away on 15 March 2000. Who was Private William Crawford and why was he so significant?

The synopsis of this story deals with a humble man of 82 who worked day-to-day at the United States Air Force Academy (USAF) as a Janitor. President Reagan presented Private William Crawford the Congressional Medal of Honor at the USAF in 1985.

CITATION:  
Rank and organization: Private, U.S. Army, 36th Infantry Division. Place and date: Near Altavilla, Italy, 13 September 1943. Entered service at: Pueblo, Colo. Birth: Pueblo, Colo. G.O. No.: 57, 20 July 1944. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy near Altavilla, Italy, 13 September 1943. When Company I attacked an enemy-held position on Hill 424, the 3d Platoon, in which Pvt. Crawford was a squad scout, attacked as base platoon for the company. After reaching the crest of the hill, the platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machinegun and small-arms fire. Locating one of these guns, which was dug in on a terrace on his immediate front, Pvt. Crawford, without orders and on his own initiative, moved over the hill under enemy fire to a point within a few yards of the gun emplacement and singlehandedly destroyed the machinegun and killed three of the crew with a handgrenade, thus enabling his platoon to continue its advance. When the platoon, after reaching the crest, was once more delayed by enemy fire, Pvt. Crawford again, in the face of intense fire, advanced directly to the front midway between two hostile machinegun nests located on a higher terrace and emplaced in a small ravine. Moving first to the left, with a handgrenade he destroyed I gun emplacement and killed the crew; he then worked his way, under continuous fire, to the

*Every Airman is a leader; from our one-stripe Airman, to our four-star generals. It is expected in our Air Force that we are decisive in our decision making and set the example on a daily basis by following our core values.*

other and with one grenade and the use of his rifle, killed one enemy and forced the remainder to flee. Seizing the enemy machinegun, he fired on the withdrawing Germans and facilitated his company's advance.

While Private Crawford received the highest military honor; being presented the Congressional Medal of Honor, he also worked at the USAF as a janitor. I personally, never attended the academy, nor had the opportunity to ever meet Mr. William Crawford. However, I was introduced to him through an article written by Col. James Moschkat, former 12th Operations Group Commander at Randolph Air Force Base and graduate of the USAF class of 1977. Col Moschkat wrote of William Crawford relaying his story and the significant impact Mr. Crawford had on his life.

While a cadet at the USAF, Colonel Moschkat walked by Mr. Crawford, not knowing this man was a Medal of Honor recipient. Everyday Colonel Moschkat, like many other cadets, greeted Mr. Crawford appropriately while heading off to their classes with a good morning. One day, Colonel Moschkat decided to engage in conversation with Mr. Crawford and get to know this American hero. Mr. Crawford offered this young cadet some unforgettable lessons on leadership, which he took with him as he advanced through his career.

The following are 10 janitor leadership principles that Colonel Moschkat writes about with his conclusions:

1. **Be Cautious of Labels.** Labels you place on people may define your relationship to them and bound their potential. Sadly, and for a long time, we labeled Bill as just a janitor, but he was so much more. Therefore, be cautious of a leader who callously says, "Hey, he's just an Airman."

Likewise, don't tolerate the lieutenant, who says, "I can't do that, I'm just a lieutenant."

2. **Everyone Deserves Respect.** Because we hung the "janitor" label on Mr. Crawford, we often wrongly treated him with less respect than others around us. He deserved much more, and not just because he was a Medal of Honor winner. Bill deserved respect because he was a janitor, walked among us, and was a part of our team.

3. **Courtesy Makes a Difference.** Be courteous to all around you, regardless of rank or position. Military customs, as well as common courtesies, help bond a team. When our daily words to Mr. Crawford turned from perfunctory "hellos" to heartfelt greetings, his demeanor and personality outwardly changed. It made a difference for all of us.

4. **Take Time to Know Your People.** Life in the military is hectic, but that is no excuse for not knowing the people you work for and with. For years a hero walked among us at the Academy and we never knew it. Who are the heroes that walk in your midst?

5. **Anyone Can Be a Hero.** Mr. Crawford certainly didn't fit anyone's standard definition of a hero. Moreover, he was just a private on the day he won his Medal. Don't sell your people short, for any one of them may be the hero who rises to the occasion when duty calls. On the other hand, it's easy to turn to your proven performers when the chips are down, but don't ignore the rest of the team. Today's rookie could and should be tomorrow's superstar.

6. **Leaders Should Be Humble.** Most modern day heroes and some leaders are anything but humble, especially if you calibrate your "hero meter" on today's athletic fields. End zone celebrations and self-aggrandizement are what we've come to expect from sports greats. Not Mr. Crawford-he was too busy working to celebrate his past heroics. Leaders would be well-served to do the same.

7. **Life Won't Always Hand You What You Think You Deserve.** We in the military work hard and, dang it, we deserve recognition, right? However, sometimes you just have to persevere, even when accolades do not come your way. Perhaps you weren't nominated for junior officer or Airman of the quarter as you thought you should - don't let that stop you.

8. **Don't pursue glory; pursue excellence.** Private Crawford didn't pursue glory; he did his duty and then swept floors for a living. No job is beneath a leader. If Bill Crawford, a Medal of Honor winner, could clean latrines and smile, is there a job beneath your dignity? Think about it.



9. **Pursue Excellence.** No matter what task life hands you, do it well. Dr. Martin Luther King said, "if life makes you a street sweeper, be the best street sweeper you can be." Mr. Crawford modeled that philosophy and helped make our dormitory area a home.

10. **Life is a Leadership Laboratory.** All too often we look to some school or PME class to teach us about leadership when, in fact, life is a leadership laboratory. Those you meet everyday will teach you enduring lessons if you just take time to stop, look and listen. I spent four years at the Air Force Academy, took dozens of classes, read hundreds of books, and met thousands of great people. I gleaned leadership skills from all of them, but one of the people I remember most is Mr. Bill Crawford and the lessons he unknowingly taught. Don't miss your opportunity to learn.

Every Airman is a leader, from our one-stripe Airman, to our four-star generals. It is expected in our Air Force that we are decisive in our decision making and set the example on a daily basis by following our core values. The leadership principles Mr. Crawford shared with Colonel Moschkat are something that applies to us all and provides a foundation upon which to build.

# Base families offered a variety of springtime activities

## Club membership drive

The Columbus Club is conducting a club membership drive and current members have an opportunity to earn extra entries into the drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card or two \$100 Visa gift cards. The drawing will be held April 16 at 6 p.m. at the club's Spirit Night. For more information about the club and membership benefits, contact the marketing office at 434- 2337.

## White water rafting trip

The outdoor adventure program offers this trip May 29-31 but the deadline to register is April 15 at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation, chalet lodging and meals on Saturday and rafting the middle river on the Ocoee. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Summer day camp registration

The youth center's school age program begins registration for the summer day camp for school age children April 6. A \$10 deposit is required for each week to hold a space for your child. Cost is based on total family income and all meals, entrance fees, supplies, etc. are included in the cost. There are limited spaces available. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Disney summer trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60 percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Air Force Space Camp

The Air Force Services Family Member Programs is excited to sponsor the Air Force Space Camp Program at the US Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala., July 26 to Aug. 1. Youth, ages 12 to 18, will experience, imagine and interact through Space Shuttle mission simulations, tours of the center and the chance to witness first-hand the everyday challenges faced by astronauts. The camp is an



U.S. Air Force photo/Jana Hall  
**Maj Lisa Davison and Bob Davison clean up the debris around the horse stables in preparation of the stables open house from 9 a.m. to noon April 18. Volunteers are needed to help finish the clean-up Saturday starting at 9 a.m. For more information, call 434- 2337.**

inspiring week of fun and enriching space activities. This program is open to family members of Air Force active duty military, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees or activated Air National Guard or Air Force reserve. Applications must be submitted to the youth center by April 17. For more information, visit [www.afyouthprograms.com](http://www.afyouthprograms.com) or call the youth center at 434- 2504.

## Easter Sunday Champagne Brunch

The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12. Cost is \$17.95 for club members and \$19.95 for non-members. Reservations are required by April 7. Menu choices include: rosemary roasted pork tenderloin medallions, London broil au jus, mashed potatoes and gravy, garden wild rice, maple glazed carrots, deluxe salad bar with toppings and dressings, omelet bar, waffle station with toppings galore, bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits with gravy, French toast styx with warm syrup, grits, hash browns, stir-fry station including up to 13 items to choose from, ham carving station with mustard potato salad, deviled eggs and rolls, assorted cakes and pies, cheesecake, cheese tray and fruit tray. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Memphis in May

The information, ticket and travel office will offer a Memphis in May trip May 16-7. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per person with three to a room or \$125 per person with 4 to a room. Cost includes

transportation, lodging with breakfast included and entry both days. Departing at 8 a.m. Saturday and returning at 9 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 16 registered by May 2 to offer.

## British soccer

The youth center is hosting a British soccer camp June 1 to 5. This program is open to ages 3 to 18. Register online at [www.challenger-sports.com](http://www.challenger-sports.com). Costs vary according to age and sessions. For more information, call 434- 2504.

## Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the lobby. Upcoming classes include making a tissue paper rainbow, a bug catcher, butterfly wind chimes, a shamrock necklace, a decorative Spring fence with flower pots, an Easter egg ornament and an Easter Bunny door wreath. Kids crafts classes are \$5 each and adult classes range from \$10 to \$20 depending on the class. The kids crafts can be purchased "to go" for just \$3. Parents provide the glue, markers and scissors. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

## Youth lock in

The youth center offers this program for ages 9 to 13 from 9 p.m. April 17 until 7 a.m. April 18. The cost is \$10 per person and includes games, food, movies, challenges and more. Must have 15 registered by Tuesday to offer. Volunteers are also needed.

## Base stables open house

In an effort to promote equine awareness, the base stables are hosting an open house from 9 a.m. to noon April 18. There will be riding and round pen exhibitions and demonstrations about base horse care and the different breeds of horses. For more information, call 434- 2337.

## Club scholarship program

The Air Force Club Scholarship program deadline is July 1 to the Force Support Squadron commander. There will be 25 \$1,000 scholarships awarded. To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on the topic, "The High Cost of Freedom". Essays exceeding 500 words will be disqualified. Only one essay per eligible person will be accepted. Current Air Force club members and their family members who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college of university for entry during the fall of 2009 term as a part time or full time student are eligible. For entry form and to view last year's entries, please visit the club web page at [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net).

## Blaze Lunch Bunch

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# Air Force takes combat air acquisitions priorities to Hill

**Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — As airpower takes on an increasingly critical role in the joint fight, Air Force and Navy officials testified before the House Appropriations Committee March 25 here to outline the services' top combat air acquisition priorities.

Lt. Gen. Mark D. "Shack" Shackelford, the acquisition deputy to the assistant secretary of the Air Force, and Navy Vice Adm. David Artchitzel, the principal deputy for research, development and acquisition, discussed the futures of their respective services' fighter and bomber fleets.

General Shackelford compared and contrasted the two fifth generation fighters, the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Lightning II. Each model possesses unique complementary and essential capabilities that together provide the necessary speed, stealth and maneuverability to maintain superiority across the spectrum of conflict, he added.

"F-22s from today's production line will be equipped with upgraded radar for enhanced ground mapping capability, while the F-35, through the Cooperative Avionics Test Bed, provides unprecedented risk reduction in a major weapon system not seen in any legacy program," the general said.

F-22s can find, fix, track and target enemy air and surface-based threats, ensuring air dominance for all joint forces. General Shackelford said the F-22s are in year six of a 13-year planned two-part modernization.

The general continued that the F-35 was designed from the bottom up to be the Air Force's premiere surface-to-air-missile killer and is "uniquely equipped for the mission with its cutting edge processing power, synthetic aperture radar integration techniques and advance target recognition."

Using "smart" Joint Direct Attack Munitions and eight small-diameter bombs, the aircraft will have the capacity to find and fire upon still and moving ground targets. The system can also convey data to the pilot's helmet visor to facilitate target detection.

"This is the timeless paradox of deterrence,"



Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin  
**Over Fort Worth, Texas, an F-35 Lightning II test aircraft undergoes a flight check. The F-35 is among the services' top combat air acquisition priorities briefed to the House Appropriations Committee March 25.**

General Shackelford said. "The best way to avoid war is to show your enemies, and potential enemies, that you have the ability, the will, and the resolve to defeat them."

General Shackelford said B-1B Lancers' new technology provides the joint force commander massive firepower potential coupled with a significant loiter capability well-suited for the inconsistent tempo of today's ongoing operations.

The general said most models will feature enhanced air-to-ground communications, critical for a combatant commander's multifaceted air dominance strategies.

"We realized the B-1B's potential by integrating the Advanced Targeting Pod to the platform's sensor suite," the general said. "This allows combatant commanders to deliver urgent and immediate combat capability."

In 2007, the Air Force and corporate partners responded to the Air Force Central Command's urgent operational needs with a full complement of Sniper-equipped B-1B bombers to support operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to that, the B-1B modification incorporated a series of color multifunction displays that show an array of fused data at all crew stations.

"We are building a 21st century Air Force — prepared to succeed — strategically, operationally and tactically," General Shackelford said. "Our highly capable and lethal aviation programs provide global vigilance, reach and power, critical both today and for the future of the joint force."

## GATES

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the occasion, Mr. Whitman said. That concern, he added, also requires filming and photography using only ambient light and sound.

"So, if it's 2 o'clock in the morning, you get lighting that is 2 o'clock in the morning-type lighting; if it is raining, it's raining," Mr. Whitman said. "We are not changing the dignified transfer process to accommodate media. What we are doing is accommodating the media to cover the existing dignified transfer process."

Media with family approval to cover Dover dignified transfers would be placed in an area behind the families, Mr. Whitman said, noting that the families aren't to be filmed or interviewed as they observe transfer operations. Families who agree to be interviewed by media after the transfer operations could do so, he said, but only in a specified area away from the tarmac.

Mr. Whitman pointed out that the remains of fallen servicemembers are transported to Dover around the clock in an expeditious manner. When the new policy takes effect, he said, Dover AFB public affairs personnel will post to the base's Web site that a dignified transfer approved for media coverage by the fallen servicemember's family is to take place, along with the time and some other particulars. The media, Mr. Whitman continued, also may opt to subscribe to an e-mail notification system that would provide similar information.

Military photographers will take photographs of dignified transfer operations to provide to families who approve media coverage, Mr. Whitman said.

Each dignified transfer operation takes about 15 minutes to complete, Mr. Whitman explained. Dover public affairs personnel, he said, would assist media to gain access onto the installation, provide briefings and take them to the flight line.

Secretary Gates had tasked Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. Mike Mullen to set up a working group to develop recommended guidelines and rules for implementing the new policy. Maj. Gen. Michael J. Basla chaired the group, which consulted with service-support organizations such as the Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Wives, veterans groups and senior enlisted advisors.

Family members consulted by the working group seemed split on the issue, General Basla recalled, noting some expressed concern about media coverage of dignified transfer operations at Dover, while others appeared to welcome it.

In his memorandum, Secretary Gates

thanked the working group for its efforts and commended its "very thorough review" of the policy.

Decisions regarding media coverage of the dignified transfer process at Dover should "be made by those most directly affected, on an individual basis, by the families of the fallen," Secretary Gates told reporters during a Feb. 26 Pentagon news conference. "We ought not to presume to make that decision in their place."

Per the memorandum, the following actions are to be taken in conjunction with implementation of the new policy:

- The undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness and other Pentagon elements will revise defense regulatory documents to reflect the new policy at Dover;
- Deceased servicemembers' remains will be transferred from the combat theater of operations to the Dover facility as soon as possible;

- The primary next of kin will make the family's decision regarding media access to dignified transfer operations at Dover;

- Families of deceased servicemembers will be briefed on the option to allow media coverage of the dignified transfer at the time of notification of the member's death or as soon as possible thereafter;

- If the primary next of kin permits media access at Dover, reporters will be given the name, rank, military service and hometown of the "believed to be" casualty. A more complete identification of the deceased servicemember, including unit, place, date and circumstances of death, will be released following the confirmation of the casualty's identity at the Dover mortuary, and then only 24 hours after the last of the deceased's next of kin have been notified of the loss; and

- Primary next of kin and two other family members may travel to Dover at department expense to observe the dignified transfer operation. The services may fund the travel of additional family members on a case-by-case basis.

The secretary's memorandum also directed the development of a long-term plan to obtain the preference of individual servicemembers regarding media access to dignified transfers should they become a casualty while on active duty.

On March 17, Secretary Gates made an unannounced evening visit to Dover to observe the dignified transfer operations there. The trip to Dover "was a very moving experience" for Secretary Gates, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell told reporters the day after the secretary's trip.

# Air Force pioneer gone, but not forgotten

**Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Derrow**  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe  
command chief

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** —

The Air Force suffered a monumental loss March 11 when Paul W. Airey, the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, passed away. I think it appropriate to share with you my thoughts on this great American and Airman.

I will greatly miss my mentor, Chief Airey. From the day I first met him in 2002, I knew I would never meet a finer example of an American Airman. He projected a great presence and a sincere love of our Air Force and its Airmen.

I remember hanging onto his every word as he spoke to the Kisling NCO Academy students at Kapaun Air Station, Germany. Several years later, as I was serving as the Air Force Senior NCO Academy commandant, I was still hanging onto his every word.

I learned more about being an Airman from him than any other person. One of the biggest lessons I learned from him was to always speak with candor. He told me that we ought to tell people what they need to hear, not just what they want to hear. He'd go on to say that candor should be provided with respect and professionalism. He never failed to ask me how I was doing and if he could help me better serve the Air Force and better take care of Airmen. And he always asked me in a way that always made me feel like I was the most important Airman.

He was always sincere and down to earth. I will never forget his sacrifices to our country, and I can only hope that by my words and actions I can continue to be an Airman that he would be proud of.

But, Chief Airey always left an indelible mark wherever he'd go. I'll never forget the mark he left on "my" Airman when the chief paused after receiving his lifetime achievement award from the Air Force Association and shook my son's hand and said, "Thank

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Courtesy photo  
**Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul W. Airey greets Airman 1st Class Matthew Shaffer and Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Derrow following a presentation in 2008. Escorting Chief Airey is current Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. Chief Airey passed away March 11. Chief Airey was the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Derrow is the U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief.**

you for your service young man."

These moments I personally cherish are but a small example of the impact Chief Airey had on all Airmen, regardless of rank. From the time he entered the Air Force after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 to when he retired in 1970 to his passing this month, Chief Airey spent a lifetime serving our nation and the Air Force with passion and zeal. He worked tirelessly to improve the welfare and development of the enlisted force and mentored many of today's Airmen.

As the first to hold the chief master sergeant of the Air Force position, Chief Airey worked tirelessly to get an Air Force-level Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He also had an impact on every enlisted Airman since his tenure as the chief master

sergeant of the Air Force because he laid the foundation for the Weighed Airman Promotion System that we all have and will continue to use to become NCOs and senior NCOs. In retirement, Chief Airey continued to advocate airpower and champion the cause of the enlisted Airman. His legacy is the professional enlisted corps we have today and we're grateful for his leadership.

I think Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley said it best. "When we speak of today's Airmen standing upon the shoulders of giants as they reach for the sky and star, it was upon Paul Airey's shoulders they stood. We will truly miss his leadership, counsel and friendship."

Chief Airey was more than a historic figure; he was a man who came along just when our

Air Force needed him most. He not only accepted the great duties that came to him in time of war and when things looked bleak for our Air Force, but he did so with a personal flair and a deft touch that many have tried to emulate since. I understand why when Air Force leaders decided to create the chief master sergeant of the Air Force position that Chief Airey was the man selected for the job. I'm sure if the chief were here today he would tell you he was in the right place at the right time, but I don't think that gives enough credit to how good the chief was as an Airman.

I ask all Airmen to take a moment to reflect on Chief Airey's contributions to our nation and our service, and continue to do your duty in a manner that would make him proud.





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# Airmen cover the fallen with American flags for families

**Capt. Shannon Collins**  
AF Mortuary Affairs Ops Center  
Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — For some, it means red, white and blue. It means 13 stripes for the original colonies and 50 stars for the states. For the families of the fallen, the American flag means so much more.

Because of this, two Airmen assigned to the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center here take their mission very seriously.

"These men and women who gave their lives for their country for the sake of freedom deserve the utmost dignity, honor and respect," said Tech. Sgt. Willard Rico, a shipping specialist here. "I'm very privileged to be a part of that, especially for the families left behind."

Sergeant Rico is deployed from the 60th Force Support Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. His co-worker, Staff Sgt. Star Samuels, a shipping specialist deployed from the 43rd Force Support Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C., echoes his sentiment.

"We're taking care of someone's child, mother, father, husband, wife. They passed away protecting this country; we try to make everything perfect to give them and their families the utmost respect," said Sergeant Samuels.

The shipping specialists are part of the final process for fallen heroes prior to beginning their journey home to their loved ones. The mortuary staff prepares the remains of fallen U.S. servicemembers, as well as government officials and their families stationed abroad in Europe and Southwest Asia. Since 1955, the remains of more than 50,000 servicemembers have arrived at Dover AFB for identification and funeral preparations.

**Gerry J. Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has approved a policy change that, under strictly delineated conditions, allows media filming of dignified transfer operations of fallen servicemembers' remains at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The new policy is slated to be implemented April 6, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. If immediate family members consent to media coverage, Mr. Whitman said, reporters would be provided the basic information on the servicemember and the expected time of arrival of the flight bearing the remains. "The core of the policy," he said, "is built around the desires

The shipping specialists, Sergeants Rico and Samuels, inspect the caskets, as well as perform a final check to make sure the dog tags, ribbons, flag and more are correct and up to standards. They are the final "eyes" before the fallen are sent to their loved ones.

"We make sure everything is perfect," Sergeant Samuels said. "Our mission is to send them out the way they're remembered, not how they came in."

Before any fallen come through the doors of the mortuary, the Airmen prepare the flags. They remove the flags from their protective packaging, unfold them and then slowly feed them into an industrial steamer for pressing. As the Airmen gently unfurl the 5 X 9 foot flag and feed it into the steamer, they spray a mist of water on it. The machine folds the flag over as it presses so that the flag never touches the ground.

The Airmen slowly take the freshly pressed flag, Union forward, and put it on a frame for later use. The flags will gently caress the caskets of the fallen as they return to their families. Ultimately, these same flags will be folded by an honor guard at the funeral and presented to the family as a final remembrance of their fallen heroes' service and ultimate sacrifice.

For Sergeant Samuels, pressing the flags brings home the experience and importance of what they mean.

"When I'm pressing a flag, I'm pressing a flag for someone who hasn't died yet," she said. "Today, we pressed 12 flags; those flags could be here until next weekend, then all of a sudden, we're pressing 12 more flags."

The flags drape over a rack until needed. Once a flag is needed, the two Airmen, standing on either side of the casket, slowly pull the pressed flag off of the rack and onto the casket.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III  
Staff Sgt. Star Samuels hangs up a freshly pressed U.S. flag March 31 at the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs, Dover Air Force Base, Del. The flags will be placed over caskets during the dignified transfer of remains. The center is the Defense Department's largest joint-service mortuary facility and the only one in the continental United States. Sergeant Samuels is deployed from the 43rd Force Support Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

One of them stands at the foot, one at the head, working in harmony, making eye contact, as they carefully and delicately drape the flag to embody the casket with the fallen Soldier, Sailor, Marine or Airman.

The movements are slow and deliberate, their movements in sync, their eyes finally roaming around the casket, making sure everything is perfect.

"I have so much respect for my fallen heroes," said Sergeant Samuels. "These heroes have families, loved ones, who could've talked to them just a couple of hours ago. Just one mistake, one trip down the road, anything can

happen. I take nothing for granted." The Airmen perform this mission day in and day out for the families.

"We're here for the families," said Sergeant Rico. "I'm privileged to be working here, giving dignity, honor and respect to the fallen for their families. It's the most rewarding job I've ever done so far in my career."

As the red, white and blue is secured around the casket, the stars and stripes drawn taunt, the Airmen prepare to send the fallen home. They render the slow salute as the American flag passes by.

when approved by the immediate families of the individual fallen."

Secretary Gates announced last month that he would change the policy that had prohibited news organizations from filming dignified transfer operations at Dover.

"We are committed to seeing that America's fallen heroes are received back to their loved ones and their country with the honor, respect and recognition that they and their families have earned," he said at a March 18 news conference.

Media with family consent to cover dignified transfer operations at Dover will be required to conduct themselves in a respectful, quiet manner so as not to disturb the solemnity of the occasion. See GATES, Page 8

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# Reporting Sexual Assault



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## 1. Unrestricted

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| ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care               | ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim   |
| ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified immediately | ◆ Victim receives counseling   |
| ◆ Investigation initiated   | ◆ No confidentiality. Commander will determine course of action in cases of bilateral misconduct after investigation |

## 2. Restricted

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|---|--|
| ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care       | ◆ Victim receives counseling   |
| ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified | ◆ Victim can make unrestricted reporting decisions afterward   |
| ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim                            | ◆ Victim has confidentiality even if there is bilateral misconduct on his or her part, such as underage drinking |

## 3. Independent

- ◆ Third-party reporting is an inherit responsibility of all military personnel. If you tell anyone who subsequently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting.

**If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.**

*Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at  
Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811  
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## Base News

### Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

### Drug Education for Youth

The DEFY program promotes team building, goal setting, substance abuse, resistance skills and increases self-confidence for youth. This is a free program for dependents of active duty members, DOD civilians, retirees and contract employees' ages 9 to 12 years old. DEFY Summer Leadership Camp is scheduled for June 17-26 and will be held at the Columbus AFB Chapel Annex. Applications are available at the Chapel, Youth Center and Drug Demand Testing Office, located in the 14th Medical Group building. Deadline for application is May 30. For more information please call 434-2353 or 434-2133.

### Magnet School Lotteries soon

This fall, the Columbus Municipal School District will begin the second year of magnet schools; and as in last year, in order to be assigned to the theme of choice, parents and students must enter the lottery. School choice forms are available via several methods; they will be sent home with current CMSD students, at the CMSD Central Services Office on McArthur Drive, or at the CAFB School Liaison Office located in building 730, room 202A. CMSD officials urge parents to get their children signed up for the lottery early to ensure their children are placed in their first choice. In the past, upwards of 97 percent of students receive their first choice. The deadline for submitting lottery applications is today at 4 p.m. The lottery for the 2009-10 school year will be conducted on April 17th. Additional information is available on the CMSD Website at [www.columbuscityschools.org](http://www.columbuscityschools.org) or you may contact the CAFB School Liaison at 434-2792.

### Mississippi State University summer camps

Mississippi State University offers a wide variety of Summer Camps and Workshops for our young folks. The areas include: Soccer, Natural Resources, Transportation Institute, and Women in Action; other areas are being considered and will be added as they are approved. Several of the activities are Residential Camps and many are Day Camps. For a complete rundown, view the MSU 2009 Summer Camp website at: [http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/cam-](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/cam-plistings.php)

[plistings.php](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/cam-plistings.php) or contact the School Liaison at 434-2792.

### Operation Purple Summer Camps

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for its popular Operation Purple Summer Camps. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of any uniformed service member, active duty or reserve component. Apply online at <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. This year the National Military Family Association will host more than 9,000 military children at Operation Purple camps in 62 locations in 37 states and territories: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Information about specific camp locations is available at <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. Registration will be open until midnight EDT April 20. Priority is given to military children with a parent deployed or deploying anytime between September 2008 and December 2009 and have not had the opportunity to attend an Operation Purple camp in the past. Camps are free to all participants' thanks to support from the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation.

### DAPS Hours change

Effective immediately the Columbus AFB DAPS will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Tax Services

H&R Block will be providing tax preparation services through April 15, 2009. They will be located in the Columbus AFB Exchange. Please call Tom Darnell at 434-0070 for more information or to set up an appointment as hours will vary.

### Lifeguard summer hire requirements

Columbus Air Force Base is currently soliciting applicants to be life guards at the base pool for this summer. To qualify, applicant s must meet the criteria below and be a full time student:

1. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized lifeguard certification covering lifesaving and water rescue methods, skills, and procedures.
2. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized basic first aid certification.
3. Must possess a current and valid nation-

ally recognized CPR certification which includes adult, child, and infant procedures.

4. Position requires pre-employment screening for swimming ability, rescue skills and CPR skills.

If you would like to apply, please contact Mr. Ben Brock at 434-2635 or Mr. Roy Wood at 434-2650 and they will be happy to assist you.

### DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

### Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

### Contemporary Movie Showings

Join us at the Columbus AFB Chapel the last Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship, as we watch a contemporary movie, have dinner and discuss what God has planned for us. Please call the chapel at 434-2500 to sign-up. There is no fee for this class. There is no childcare available.

Schedule as follows:  
Sense and Sensibility: April 30

### Weight Loss with Wisdom

It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

### Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more informa-

tion, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

### Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

### Do you have a supply problem?

Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at 434-7178.

### Children's culinary arts camp

The Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts Institute presents Culinary Camp for Kids starting June 1. In the professional setting of MUW's Culinary Arts Institute, your child will have the opportunity to learn and explore the wonderful world of foods through demonstration, lectures, and hands-on work in their kitchen. Classes commence on 1 June and continue throughout the month of June. For more information call: 241-7472.

### Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

### School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at [slo@columbus.af.mil](mailto:slo@columbus.af.mil).



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**Thrift Shop**  
The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.  
The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

**CAC Card Replacement**  
Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two forms of identification, government ("dot" mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

**Testing Hours**  
The Education Office conducts CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to schedule an exam.

**SARC DVDs**  
The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, located at the Health and Wellness Center entrance of the Fitness Center, has two very educational and school-aged appropriate DVD's available to sign-out and to view with children. Two copies of each DVD will also be available at the Base Library and one copy will be available at the Youth Services. The DVDs are: The Safe Side: Stranger Safety and Internet Safety presented by John Walsh and Julie Clark. Our motto is "Not One More." Let's educate and keep our children safe.

**Anti-terrorism Training**  
Personnel and their families that are traveling on unofficial business outside the continental United States can receive anti-terrorism

level one training from Master Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th Flying Training Wing Antiterrorism Officer. For more information, call him at 434-1260.

**MGIB and ROTC**  
ROTC detachments often fail to provide information to graduates about the Montgomery GI Bill. If this is the case, please come by the Education Office in Building 916 or call them at 434-2562 for MGIB counseling.

**Legal Hours**  
The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

**Airman's Roll Call**  
The Air Force puts out a weekly publication call the Airman's Roll Call. The Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams. To view the Airman's Roll Call, visit [www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/](http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/).

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

**Smooth Move Briefing**  
The next Smooth Move Briefing will be April 14 from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records and the Airman and Family Readiness Center during your move. Advance registration required. Must register no later than 10 a.m. the day of the workshop. To register call 434-2790.

**Wing Newcomer's Orientation**  
Newly arrived active duty and civilian per-

sonnel may attend the newcomer's orientation April 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

**Pre-Deployment Brief**  
There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

**Volunteer Recruitment Fair**  
There will be a Volunteer Recruitment Fair April 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. All volunteers are invited to attend as well as individuals interested in volunteering. There will be representatives from different organizations/agencies to discuss volunteer opportunities. Refreshments and door prizes will be available.

**Post-Deployment Brief**  
This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

**Pre-separation Counseling**  
This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

**Budgeting Basics**  
This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

**AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other**  
Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

**Employment Workshop**  
There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For

more information, call 434-2790.

**Spouse Welcome**  
A special welcome for new personnel assigned to Columbus AFB is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn Lobby. For more information, call 434-2790.

**AFRC Calendar**  
Looking for something to do in the area—on or off base? Sign up for the Airman and Family Readiness Flight electronic newsletter and calendar. Events include: plays, concerts, flea markets, sports, seminars, wellness classes, festivals and craft classes. To sign up, send an e-mail to [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) and ask to be added to the list. This newsletter provides great information to help you explore and enjoy your tour here at CAFB. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2631.

## Chapel Schedule

**Holy Week Schedule**  
**10 April:**  
Tenebrae Service (Good Friday), 7 p.m.  
**12 April:**  
Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

**Catholic Services**  
Holy Thursday, Service at 5 p.m.  
Good Friday, Service at 5 p.m.  
Holy Saturday, No Mass at CAFB  
Easter Mass Mass at 5 p.m.

**Protestant**  
Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children's Church)  
*All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month*

**Catholic**  
Thursday:  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice  
Sunday:  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

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## BLAZE Team dashes into spring with race



Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and members of the Columbus AFB BLAZE Team take off from the starting line April 8 at the Fitness Center during the Spring Perimeter BLAZE Race.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin



## We are all recruiters


Each Air Force member is an "ambassador in blue." Each person can make a difference in someone else's decision to join the Air Force.

Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations.

Be a role model in your community.

Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.

Talk with others about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you've had because you joined.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

Sharyon Culberson (left) and Kyle Terry (right) present "Sex Signals" at the Kaye Auditorium April 6.

## 'Sex Signals' brings new spin to sexual assault prevention education

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Airmen attending sexual assault prevention training this week may have expected the usual slide-powered information and a briefing, but instead they got a surprise.

"Sex Signals", differs from traditional sexual assault prevention programs in that it incorporates improvisational comedy, education, and audience interaction to provide a provocative look at dating, sex, and the core issue of consent, according to the website of Catharsis Productions, the company behind the presentation.

The performers gave a series of short scenes, including one with some humorous dialogue on dating and male/female interactions and a mock "talk show" where one of the performers played an accused rapist who attempted to convince the audience he was not responsible. Following each of the scenes, the performers would discuss them with the audience and ask questions.

During the mock talk show and after, the presenters talked heavily about the concept of consent and sexual assault.

"Rape is about someone taking you choice away from you," said Kyle Terry, one of the performers who has been with Sex Signals for five years. Mr. Terry and his partner, Sharyon Culberson said stereotypical rape, usually involving a dark alley and an unknown assailant, is not the most common. They said unfortunately 80 percent of victims know their attackers and it often happens in the victim or assailants home.

In addition, they told audience members numerous places they could go for help if needed.

Contact the police department or your local SARC right away in the event of sexual assault. The Columbus AFB SARC contact number is 434-2875, and the 24/7 phone number is 386-0811.



# Don't wait until the last minute to file your taxes

**Airman Elena Stofle**  
14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate

Ok, procrastinators, April 15th, the last day to file your taxes, is fast approaching. And with the free services offered by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center on base, why wait? Appointments at the CAFB Tax Center, located in the base post office, will fill up soon – so act fast!

You will need to bring these verification items to the Tax Center to file your return:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents, and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth Dates for you, your spouse, and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers

Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)

A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available

Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit (Blank checks will have this information also)

Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number and address or the provider's business Employer

Identification Number)

To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must sign the required forms.

Specific knowledge as to whether you can be claimed as someone else's dependent

All other Form 1099's and 1098's

House closing statement if you sold a home last year or if you have bought a home in 2008 or 2009

Listing of potential itemized deductions

for medical, taxes, charitable deductions and/or interest payments

Total Economic Stimulus Payment received in 2008

The VITA Tax Center will be open until 7 p.m. from April 13-15. In addition, the Tax Center will remain open until April 30th for those taxpayers who need amended returns or to file late returns. Those taxpayers who will not be able to file their taxes by April 15th will need to file an application for an extension of time; the Tax Center can assist you with this as well.

Office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call the number above to make an appointment. With only a few days left, appointments are strongly recommended! Call the Tax Center at (662) 434-7613 today to ensure that your taxes get done before the deadline.



## BLAZE Team welcomes home recently deployed



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**Columbus Air Force Base personnel greet BLAZE Team members who have recently returned from deployment at the Welcome Home Celebration April 6 at the Columbus Club.**

## The Airman's Creed

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## AROUND TOWN



### Lake Lowndes Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Lowndes Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m to 4 p.m. The egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. for more information please call 328-2110.

### Concert at Columbus Fairgrounds

There will be a open-air, fundraiser concert held on April 19 at the Columbus Fairgrounds. Featured bands include Ean Evans, Lynyrd Skynrd guitarist, and others.

### Market Street Festival

Main Street Columbus will be hosting the 14th Annual Market Street Festival

May 1-2. For more information please call 328-6305.

### Memphis in May

The information, ticket and travel office will offer a Memphis in May trip May 16-7. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per person with three to a room or \$125 per person with 4 to a room. Cost includes transportation, lodging with breakfast included and entry both days. Departing at 8 a.m. Saturday and returning at 9 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 16 registered by May 2 to offer.

*For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.*

## BARGAIN LINE

*The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.*

and Freon recovery system, used Freon storage tank plus other various HVAC supplies and tools. Call 356-0634 or 549-6646 for more information.

**For sale:** Palm T/X handheld organizer (2yrs old, software and manual included), \$125; Graco stroller (used twice), \$70; Diaper Genie, \$5. Call 425-2747.

**For sale:** Mirrows: 30"X36" \$25 – 24"x36" \$20 – 20"x36" \$15 (or all for \$50.) Please call 328-3977.

**For sale:** Samsung 67" DLP HDTV 1080P, like new, \$1,000 OBO. Call 601-754-1014.

### Homes

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### Saturday Yard Sales

**Yard Sale:** Lots of Infant/Toddler

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Women/Men clothes and shoes  
Saturday April 18th @ 5 A.M.59  
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### Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

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Type of advertisement (circle one) Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement \_\_\_\_\_

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(in case we need more information)

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Early Worship Service  
9:30 am: Sunday School for All Ages  
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(September - May) 4:00 pm: Jr. Varsity & Varsity A.W.A.N.A.  
(Jr. Varsity: ages 6,7,8 grades; Varsity: High School)  
(September - May) 4:15 pm: Club A.W.A.N.A.  
(for Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)  
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(Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)  
(June - August) 5:00 pm: Youth Discipleship Training  
5:00 pm: Discipleship Training for Adults  
6:00 pm: Worship  
7:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
@ 6:30 pm  
Mission Friends: ages 3 - 5  
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♦ FAST AND FURIOUS PG-13  
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♦ MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3-D PG  
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tractors.

"This is the culmination of everything my team does," he said. "We work daily to graduate pilots and help them become military aviators."

He said there is a big difference between a pilot, and an aviator.

"The first is a technician," he said. "The other, is an artist."

Colonel Reth told the story of Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, the Air Force's only five-star general, who's career showed poor performance initially. But he said General Arnold never gave up or relented, becoming the first U.S. military rated aviator and then eventually becoming General of the Air Force.

"Look closely at your wings," he said. "There is no class rank, assignment or aircraft type on your wings. You start fresh today. It is not what you will fly, but how well you fly it that will define you. Don't let what you fly define who you are. You define yourself by what you do, and how you do it."

"Remember today, the day you earned your wings and joined the brother and sisterhood of military aviators."

For his parting words, the colonel gave the graduates a few words of advice.

"Remember to most the sky is the limit, but to those who fly the sky is home," he said.

## CAFB welcomes Vance E. Lineberger

Vance E. Lineberger is the Deputy for Safety and Occupational Health for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Environment, Safety & Occupational Health). He is the principal safety advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force

Examiner, 6th Military Airlift Sq (MAC), McGuire AFB NJ  
Oct 83-Oct 87, Chief, Aircrew Stan/Eval, 443rd Military Airlift Wing (MAC), Altus AFB OK  
Oct 87-Jul 91, Chief, Nuclear Surety Div (MAC), HQ Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB IL  
Jul 91-Jul 95, Executive Officer, Air Force Chief of Safety (HQ USAF), Pentagon, Wash DC  
Jul 95-Nov 96, Director, Ops Management, Tanker Airlift Control Center (AMC), Scott AFB IL  
Nov 96-Jul 97, Dep Director, Command and Control, Tanker Airlift Control Center (AMC), Scott AFB IL  
Jul 97-Jul 00, Chief of Safety and Director of Staff, HQ Twenty-First Air Force (AMC), McGuire AFB NJ  
Jul 00-Feb 03, Director of Safety, HQ Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB OH  
Mar 03-Present, Deputy for Safety and Occupational Health, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, Pentagon, Washington DC



FLIGHT INFORMATION:  
Rating: Command pilot  
Flight hours: More than 5200  
Aircraft flown: KC-10, C-141, F-15, T-41, T-38  
MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:  
Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

## VPP safety program is coming to Columbus AFB

Lt. Col. Jason Fromm  
Strategy and Process Improvement

Workplace safety and occupational health has been an Air Force priority for many years. The Air Force Occupational Safety and Health and safety programs have achieved significant success, but we still suffer preventable mishaps every year. These legacy programs rely on a top down approach of mandating safety rules and inspecting compliance. Unfortunately, we cannot achieve the drastic mishap reductions DOD leadership seeks with only compliance-based safety programs.

In 2003 the Department of Defense mandated significant mishap reductions, and in 2006 the Secretary of the Air Force directed implementation of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. Industry has used VPP for over 25 years and has achieved remarkable success at reducing worksite mishaps and injuries. Full adoption of VPP results in OSHA giving the worksite "Star status." The program has four elements: management leadership and employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety and health training.

VPP does not replace existing safety and occupational health management systems—it merely adds a new dimension of employee involvement in building a sustainable safety culture. It will not happen overnight, but Columbus AFB will begin implementing VPP this year. VPP relies heavily on everyone's commitment and participation, so education and training will be very important to ensure all BLAZE team members can enthusiastically embrace this challenge. The initial steps will occur in April when a team from the Pentagon will help us raise program awareness and develop a plan to bridge the gap from where we are today to where we want to be in a year or two. On April 14, Mr. Vance Lineberger, Deputy for Safety and Occupational Health for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Environment, Safety & Occupational Health), will visit Columbus Air Force Base to conduct several briefings and help a small team prepare for a visit during the last week of April. For most folks, this first visit will only entail a 30-minute awareness briefing describing what VPP is and what we can expect going forward. The second visit, however, will consist of a team of assessors who will interview a cross-section of personnel and visit worksites across the base. This assessment team will create a gap analysis to put us on the path to achieving VPP Star status. OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program is coming to CAFB this year and we need your help to make it a success. With your involvement and support we can push toward our goal of zero preventable mishaps.

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## CDC holds Children's Art Show



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Staff Sgt. Arlene Harris, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, mother of nine-month-old Noah Harris, looks at a painting done by members of the Preschool 3 group at the Child Development Center, at the Children's Art Show April 3. The art show featured artwork from all ages of children who attend the CDC.

### Pharmacy closed for renovations

The Columbus AFB Pharmacy will be closed on Friday, April 17, and Monday, April 20 for interior renovations. These renovations will make the pharmacy workflow more efficient and customer friendly. Pharmacy operations will be more transparent to the customer and allow better interface between customer and staff. Please call in any refills one-to-two weeks early if possible and bring prescriptions in prior to those dates to avoid inconvenience.

### 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 54 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## Columbus AFB to Host 2009 Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration

**Mike Blythe**  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Columbus Air Force Base will host the seventh annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Freedom Park. Fourth grade students from Lowndes County and local private schools are expected to attend the celebration.

The opening ceremony will start at 9 p.m. with the presentation of Columbus AFB 16th annual Tree City USA Award. Students will then visit various envi-

ronmental learning stations manned by businesses and organizations from all over the state, to include Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Corps of Engineers, Aurora Flight Sciences, Ducks Unlimited, Weyerhaeuser, Paccar and SeverCorr. Local sponsors will provide drinks and a hot dog lunch. The Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration will end at 2p.m.

If you would like additional information or you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Blythe at 434-7353 or e-mail mike.blythe@columbus.af.mil.

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## Sports Shorts

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

**Ladies golf outing:** The Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering this special afternoon just for the ladies from 2 to 5 p.m. April 17. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees and includes a nine-hole scramble. Register at the pro shop by noon Thursday. For more information, call 434-7932.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
13	14	15	16	17	18/19
	OSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club  VPP Briefing, 9:30 a.m. @ Kaye	Taxes due  Lunch Bunch @ Club	Spirit Night @ Club	Fun Run	Basic Rider Course @ SAC Alert
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
Volunteer Appreciation Week (4/20 - 4/24)	Holocaust Remembrance Day	Lunch Bunch @ Club  Class 10-01 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	Quarterly Awards Luncheon, 11 a.m. @ Club  Earth/Arbor Day	Class 09-08 Graduation  Sen.Cochran Staff Visit  50th FTS Auditorium Dedication, 12:26 p.m.	POW/MIA Golf Tournament

### Long Term Events

Apr. 30 - Enlisted Promotions  
May 1 - 09-09 Assignment Night  
May 2 - Experienced Rider Course @ SAC Alert

May 8 - AFSA Golf Tournament  
May 9-10 - Auto Cross  
May 9 - Scholarship Dinner @ Club  
May 10 - Mother's Day

## 14th CS defeats 14th MDG in basketball championships

**Senior Airman Jacob Corbin**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

The 14th Communications Squadron defeated the 14th Medical Group April 1 in intramural basketball action, continuing their undefeated season and winning the base championships, 65-60.

Both teams played a hard game, facing overtime after neck-and-neck action resulting in a tie at the end of the second half.

"It was a total team effort, everyone stayed focused on the goal of play hard and have fun," said 14th CS Commander and player Maj. Leo Lawson.

The 14th CS looked to be doing great at the start of the game, where

they led in scoring until the medical group tied the score at 33-33 with three minutes left in the first half.

Both teams kept the pressure on as they fought back-and-forth until the last seconds of the second half, where

the com squadron tied the game with a three-pointer.

Overtime saw the 14th CS shutting down the med group's offense and winning the game 65-60.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
The 14th Medical Group and 14th Communications Squadron intramural basketball teams squared off in championship action April 1, with the 14th CS winning, 65-60.



# 14th Operations Support Squadron: Scream'n Eagles

## 1. Unit Mission

### Squadron Level

#### Mission

Training Airmen to have the skills to perform their job, prepare to deploy and ready to fight worldwide; while providing Unrivaled Visible Support in training the world's best military pilots.

#### Vision

Provide Unrivaled Visible Support... in training today's warrior Airmen for tomorrow by fostering a professional environment which embraces change

### Wing Level

Our Mission: Building the World's Best Warriors, Leaders and Professional Pilots

## 2. Key Leaders

### Commander

Lt. Col. David "Goose" Gossett

### Director of Operations

Lt. Col. Douglas "Jowler" Lee

### Student Management Director of Operations

Maj. Robert "CrimeDog" McGrath

### First Sergeant

Master Sgt. Stephen Dunaway

## 3. Personnel numbers

### Military

Over 550

### Contracted

9

### Civil Service

18

### Buildings

10 - Tower, RAPCON, 14th Operations Support Squadron building, AFE in all squadrons and base operations (includes Airfield Management and Weather).

## 4. Squadron Functions

### What does the unit manage

Provides support to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training to include ground and simulator training, academic instruction, contract quality assurance, air traffic control, flight records management, weather support, life support, airfield and airspace management, programming of over 85,000 flying hours and a \$53 million FHP, transition/international officer management and SUPT special event oversight.

## 5. Slogan/unit name

SCREAM'N EAGLES

## 6. Upcoming Challenges

Like the rest of Columbus Air Force Base, the 14th Operations Support Squadron will continue to seek out opportunities in the challenges we face with the non scheduled inspections. We are working to keep our programs secure as we provide Unrivaled Visible Support, to the mission of the Air Force and its defense to our great Nation.

## 7. How the unit plays a part in SUPT

**Student Management Office:** Director of Student Management is responsible for the mentorship, development, training & welfare of every SUPT student formally enrolled in the program. We currently have ten class flight commanders that instruct the skills, procedures and techniques necessary to operate in a complex, high-density flying environment. Each class flight commander plans six weeks of academic training per class which includes more than 150 academic hours and nine simulator missions. The class flight commanders are:

Maj. Ken Appezatto

Capt. Tom Klusek

Capt. Kevin Hay

Capt. Jason Ellis

Capt. Alister Dopp

Capt. Rylan Charlton

Capt. Alan Tucker

Capt. Ryan Ferdinandson

Capt. Sherri Barnes

**Transition Office:** The 14th OSS Transition Flight, commanded by Capt. Edwin Grier, is the first and last flight student pilots see when they arrive and leave Columbus AFB. This flight provides world-class support through classroom, computer support, publications, training materials and records management. They are also responsible for getting students through their first in-processing into the base. Once students complete SUPT they will rejoin the 14th OSS/OST as they out-process the 14th FTW and PCS to their new duty location.

**Life Support:** The 14th OSS Aircrew Flight Equipment Flight, commanded by Capt. Wesley Spurlock, provides superior life support capabilities for SUPT and IFF. On a day-to-day basis, they provide Unrivaled Visible Support...by guaranteeing aircrew safety; by providing outstanding equipment, maintenance and training.

**Airfield Operations:** The 14th OSS Airfield

Ops Flight, commanded by Capt. Christine Littlejohn, provides safe, orderly, and expeditious movements of aircraft within Columbus airspace. They train and produce the highest caliber of expeditionary Airmen in Air Traffic Control. In addition, airfield ops provide world-class airfield management services to all aircrew.

**Weather Flight:** The 14th OSS Weather Flight, commanded by Capt. Phillip Hardin, provides accurate, timely, and concise weather information for operations and resource protection for Columbus AFB. They maintain combat ready Airmen, innovative with mission needs and are focused on customer service.

**Current Operations:** Current Operations Flight, commanded by Maj. Brent Green, provides safe, effective and efficient management of our special use airspace, flight records and over 85,000 hour and \$53 million flying program.

## 8. Unique aspects of the unit

The 14th OSS is the largest and most diverse squadron at Columbus Air Force Base. It is geographically separated across the 14th FTW and oversees over 550 Airmen from 16 different flights. The 14th OSS's diverse background presents some instrumental opportunities in supporting the wing mission as well as the global fight.

## 9. Senior leader comments – Lt. Col. David Gosset

"As the commander of the 14th Operations Support Squadron, I am proud to lead such an elite group of Airmen who contribute so much to our nation. The 14th OSS philosophy is not complicated. Our intent is to provide Unrivaled Visible Support...by not only supporting the mission at Columbus AFB; however, supporting the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's number one priority – the current conflict."

"Unrivaled Visible Support will develop today's warfighter for tomorrow by supporting the wings mission. This will give America's Air Force the resources to maintain its combat capability that our nation, allies and our combatant commanders expect and require during this time of war. The 14th OSS will never lose sight of our mission as it is essential to the overall success of our wing and command."



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens  
Lt. Col. David Gossett, 14th Operations Support Squadron commander, begins a tour with of the Columbus AFB Radar Approach Control with General Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander December 12, 2008. Accompanying Colonel Gossett during the visit is Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Shreiner, 14th Chief of Radar and Approach Control, Lt. Adam Campos, Deputy Airfield Operations Officer and Capt. Christine Littlejohn, Airfield Operations Flight.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
The Radar Approach Control Tower building is one of the ten buildings operated by the 14th OSS.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Airman 1st Class Amanda Patton, an aircrew flight equipment technician with the 14th OSS, cleans a helmet April 6.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Jay Lacklen, a T-1 instructor with Lier Siegler Service's Inc., instructs Capt. Laura Grossman, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-11, on the T-1 April 6.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Staff Sgt. Renee Grobe, 14th Operations Support Squadron Weather, briefs Tech. Sgt. Milan Gerber, 14th OSS Weather, on the day's weather April 6.